

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 253 – SB 331

February 25, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the new Class A misdemeanor of “parentage fraud”, which is committed when a person fraudulently seeks to establish themselves as the biological parent of a child or the legal parent of a child based on status as a biological parent when the person knows or reasonably should know that they are not a biological parent of the child. Provides exceptions for cases in which: 1) the child involved was conceived as a result of rape; 2) the child involved has been or is in the process of being adopted; or 3) the victim of the offense was the defendant's spouse at the time of the offense.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not impact the operations of either the Department of Human Services or the Department of Children’s Services; nor will it affect any federal funding to streams to those departments.
- Convictions for the new offense of parentage fraud are assumed to be rare and infrequent; therefore, any increase in local expenditures related to incarceration or any increase in revenue related to fines are estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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